

SQUIBS FROM THE WATER FRONT

C. G. BOAT FREDERICK LEE IN PORT, AWAITING ORDERS

Take it from Squibs that water is rougher than an old salt's beard this misty morning, and certainly has put a damper on any fishing in this neck of the ocean. All the hatches are nailed down and the crew are below decks, swallowing hot coffee to keep warm, and wait for the weather to lift the blanket, and soothe the swell of the deep before they chase the haddock and cod from their grounds. Nary a gill netter answered the roll call yesterday, and today's arrivals were extremely light.

Staying right here until the sea behaves is the large tug Valley Forge, now lying at the Gas company wharf. Skipper Gunner Brodwick is aboard and impatient to get going, but he doesn't intend to take any chances of losing the three barges he has in the outer harbor, loaded with hard coal for Bangor from Philadelphia.

The 125-footer Frederick Lee, hailing from Base 5, Boston, the United States Coast Guard station, is lying at Mattlage's wharf, where Boatswain William H. Moulton, the commander, is awaiting orders to proceed to sea on any errand required. The Frederick Lee is a fine-looking craft, and is ready for inspection any day, judging by the good work the crew has done in keeping her looking spic and span.

That's one feature of the United States Coast Guard. Their boats always have that bright and cheery appearance that is only gained through plenty of scrubbing and touching up.

Capt. Leo Favalora is getting the Nova Julia in condition for the trip to the southward next week, and has her on Rocky Neck railways, getting a new coat of paint.

You've heard of Scarface Al of gangster fame, but have you ever heard of Scarneck Gus, who followed the sea for a living? Or Single Reef Charlie, Pig Iron Jim; Big Billy and Little Billy, Dudley Clark, White Face John, The Grand Bank Horse and countless others who were known only by these nicknames that stood for certain human traits possessed by these fishermen.

The Paolina is changing engines and is installing a 150 h. p. Winton at the Gorton-Pew machine shop. Her former engine had a broken crank shaft. Capt. Mike Frontiero intends to get seining in her, it is understood.

History tells us that from the 43-year period between 1830 and 1873, the fishing industry lost 1437 men who were drowned when 296 fishing vessels sunken, making an average of 34 lives a seven vessels yearly. The total value of those ships was \$1,208,000. Many of the losses were caused by collisions when during a heavy storm, a ship would slip its mooring, and borne by the gale, would sweep with speed along and if any other fisherman was unfortunate to be in its path, both would go to the bottom.

LIGHT LANDINGS AT THIS PORT

LESS THAN 5000 POUNDS FRESH FISH HERE SINCE YESTERDAY.

Only 4400 pounds of haddock was landed here since yesterday, due to nasty weather, which has kept the fleet of small boats at their docks. The Fannie F. Hickey, a dragger, and the Nova Antonio, a trawler, were the two craft which took their fares to the Producers Fish Company at the Port. The gill netters took the day off.

Gloucester Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Fannie F. Hickey, dragging, 2000 lbs. mixed fish, mostly haddock. Nova Antonio, trawler, 2400 lbs. mixed fish, mostly haddock. C. G. boat Frederick Lee for anchorage.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Arrived.

Coast Guard boat Frederick Lee for harbor.

On the Ways.

The Nova Julia is on Rocky Neck railways, for painting, preparing for seining.

Ask "Adequate" Tariff.

A petition from the fishermen of Dukes County asking enactment of an "adequate" tariff on imported fish, has been presented to the Senate in Washington by Senator Walsh of Massachusetts.

Asserting the imports of fish, particularly of Canadian lobster and swordfish, had forced prices down and reduced their income to a "ruinous degree," the fishermen said the opening of Canadian ports to United States fishing vessels would "in no degree compensate New England fishermen for their losses."

"For at least two years," the petition said, "the Massachusetts fisheries, including those of Dukes county, have been losing ground in the fight against this obviously unfair competition. Bankrupt fishermen, idle vessels and falling local markets are the result. Another year like the last means even greater and more permanent ruin to this important industry."

At Portland.

The 110-foot patrol boat Antietam is tied up at the Maine State Pier, Portland, in the Ossipee's berth for this week under a new policy whereby Coast Guard patrol boats on duty in the Eastern area will be stationed in ports along the coast and the larger cutters will cruise offshore. The Antietam is commanded by Boatswain Ora Doyle. Based at East Boston the Antietam went on patrol duty Saturday and came directly to Portland. Other vessels of the same size now are stationed at other New England ports, keeping constant radio watch while the Ossipee cruises offshore.

FURTHER DROP IN THE MARKET

HEAVY OVERSTOCK AT THE BOSTON PEIR—RECEIPTS OF 500,000 LBS. TODAY.

The close of the Lenten season found the market at the Boston fish pier heavily overstocked and saw a further slump in the already low prices for fresh fish. A fleet of seven vessels arrived since yesterday with 430,000 pounds of groundfish and 55,000 pounds of mixed fish. Several of the fleet yesterday held over because of the light demand. Haddock sold at \$1.50 to \$2; large cod, \$1.25 to \$1.50 and markets, \$1.25 to \$1.60.

Boston Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and fares in detail: Str. Cambridge, 50,000 haddock, 19,000 cod, 17,000 mixed fish. Str. Spray, 65,000 haddock, 90,000 cod, 14,000 mixed fish. Helen M., 7000 haddock, 1500 cod, 6200 mixed fish. Magellan, 30,000 haddock, 20,000 cod, 11,000 mixed fish. Mary E. O'Hara, 50,000 haddock, 24,000 cod. Killarney, 60,000 haddock, 10,000 cod, 6500 mixed fish. Alphonso, 1000 haddock, 100 cod, 1000 mixed fish. Haddock, \$1.30 to \$2 per cwt.; large cod, \$1.25 to \$1.50; market cod, \$1.25 to \$1.60; hake, \$1.50; pollock, 50 cents to 60 cents per pound; cusk, 50 cents; gray sole, 5 cents; black backs, 4 cents; catfish, 1 cent.

Nova Scotia Bait Reports.

Canso—No bait. No vessels in port. No ice in sight. Halifax—Ten thousand pounds frozen herring available. Liverpool—Plenty ice available. Bait for local use only. Lockeport—Two hundred fifty thousand pounds frozen herring available. Lunenburg—No bait. Plenty ice available. Schooner C. A. Anderson sailed for Banks. North Sydney—No Bait. Plenty ice available. Port Hawkesbury—No bait. Queensport—No fresh bait. Ten thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available. Some drift ice in bay. Shelburne—Eighty-five thousand pounds frozen herring and plenty ice available. Yarmouth—Plenty of frozen bait and ice available. Grindstone—Drift ice about 10 miles off Amherst Island. Pleasant Bay full. No ice in sight elsewhere. No bait.

Portland News.

Two vessels brought large fares in to port Wednesday and another took her catch to Boston but several vessels returned without having fished as heavy seas prevailed outside. The Eleanor, Capt. Tom Brigham, landed 20,000 pounds and the Abernace, Capt. Everett Dexter, 17,000 pounds. The New Dawn, Capt. Levi Eastman, put into Boston.

Trawler Arrives

Spanish trawler Tramontana arrived at Halifax, Tuesday night from the banks for salt and supplies. The Tramontana is the second Spanish trawler to come to Halifax within several weeks.

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SEINER AT CAPE MAY WITH FISH

The latest mackerel news from Cape May states that the seiner Alden, Capt. Percy Firth, landed 10,000 pounds of medium mackerel this morning.

Capt. Firth sailed last Thursday afternoon in company with his brother, Lemuel, who is skipper of the seiner Three Sisters. No word was received as to the price they received from them.

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